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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PROPOSES ENLARGED STAFF IN WASHINGTON
AND NEW OFFICES IN TOKYO AND LIMA

1. SUMMARY. THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE EC COUNCIL FOR BUDGETARY
APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE STAFF OF ITS DELEGATION OFFICE
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IN WASHINGTON, TO ESTABLISH A DELEGATION OFFICE IN

TOKYO, AND TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH OFFICE IN LIMA TO HANDLE RELATIONS WITH THE ANDEAN GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. WASHINGTON: THE COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT THE DELEGATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON BE ENLARGED TO INCLUDE A MONETARY/FINANCIAL ATTACHE, AN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND A COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. ON THE INFORMATION SIDE OF THE DELEGATION, THE AMERICAN NATIONAL, LEONARD TENNYSON, NOW IN CHARGE OF THAT SECTION WOULD BE REPLACED BY A COMMUNITY NATIONAL, AND A PRESS ATTACHE WOULD BE ADDED TO THE OFFICE. A COMMISSION OFFICIAL INDICATED TO US THAT TENNYSON WOULD BE OFFERED A CONSULTANCY CONTRACT. THE COMMISSION ALSO PROPOSES TO ADD A NEW POSITION TO THE COMMUNITY'S INFORMATION OFFICE IN NEW YORK, WHICH NOW CONSISTS OF ONE MAN.

3. TOKYO: THE COMMISSION, WHICH ALREADY HAS COUNCIL APPROVAL TO SET UP A PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN TOKYO, IS NOW REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR POSITIONS WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT RAISE THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED TOKYO OFFICE TO THAT OF DELEGATION. THE OFFICE WOULD CONSIST OF A DELEGATION HEAD (AT THE DIRECTOR LEVEL), AN ATTACHE FOR COMMERCIAL MATTERS, ANOTHER FOR ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS, AND A PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICER. A COMMISSION SOURCE DESCRIBES THE PROPOSED DELEGATION OFFICE IN TOKYO AS ONE WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. INITIALLY, HOWEVER, THE CHIEF OF DELEGATION WILL NOT HAVE AMBASSADORIAL RANK.

4. SANTIAGO AND LIMA: THE COMMISSION ALSO PROPOSES TO ADD ONE OR TWO OFFICIALS TO ITS OFFICE IN SANTIAGO WHO WOULD HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANDEAN AFFAIRS. IT ALSO CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH OFFICE IN LIMA, SIMILAR TO THE ONE NOW EXISTING IN MONTEVIDEO, WHICH IS STAFFED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

5. A COMMISSION OFFICIAL TOLD THE MISSION THAT THESE PROPOSALS WOULD BE EXAMINED BY THE COUNCIL IN ITS ROUTINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERATION OF THE 1974 BUDGET AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. IF APPROVAL IS OBTAINED, THE NEW POSITIONS WOULD BE FILLED BEGINNING EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR THE WASHINGTON AND LATIN AMERICAN CHANGES.

6. THE TOKYO PROPOSAL IS SOMEWHAT MORE "DELICATE",

ACCORDING TO THE SAME OFFICIAL, BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN A PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE, AND A "DELEGATION"
WITH MUCH BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES IS IN HIS VIEW A
QUANTUM LEAP INVOLVING POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS WHICH
MIGHT BE UNACCEPTABLE "TO SOME MEMBER STATES" (READ
FRANCE). NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDS, THE COMMERCIAL AND
FINANCIAL IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN ARGUES FOR SOMETHING
MORE THAN AN INFORMATION OFFICE. THUS, THE COMMISSION
IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OBTAINING BUDGETARY APPROVAL OF
ALL THREE PROPOSALS.
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